

REMARKS/ARGUMENT

Claims 1-22 are active.

The claims have been amended to further define the substituent G in formula (I) as suggested by the Examiner at page 5 of the Action, the basis for the sulfonyl groups being found on page 21, line 28 to page 22, line 4 of the originally filed specification.

No new matter is added.

The Examiner newly rejects Claims 1, 4, 11 and 21 under 35 USC 102(e) in view of the previously cited Hasegawa publication and specifically Example 66 where A is a 5,8 membered heterocycle (inclusive of a dihydro furanyl) and G is an unsubstituted C1-6 alkyl aryl (inclusive of a methyl-phenyl). However, Applicants have amended the claims to remove the option of the substituent being a C1-6 alkyl aryl. Therefore, the rejection is no longer applicable.

It is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn, consider and search the non-elected species, rejoin the non-elected subject matter and that the Office issue a Notice of Allowance indicating all pending claims are allowable.

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